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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN DEMARCHE REGARDING COUNTER-CYCLICAL
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1. MINISTER (COMMERCIAL) FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, ROBERT
SWIFT, DELIVERED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FRIDAY, JULY 28, TO
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT ADMINIS-
TRATION MAY HAVE MODIFIED ITS OPPOSITION TO COUNTER-CYCLICAL
PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE MEAT IMPORT ACT. AUSTRALIA BELIEVES
SUCH FORMULAE WOULD ESSENTIALLY TRANSFER TO SUPPLIER
COUNTRIES THE BURDEN OF ADJUSTMENT TO VARIATIONS IN U.S.
PRODUCTION AND ARGUES THAT SUCH LEGISLATION, IF ENACTED,
COULD ALSO HAVE "SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS" FOR THE SUCCESS

OF THE MTN. KATZ STRESSED THAT WHILE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE COUNTER-CYCLICAL IMPORT FORMULAE, IT IS NOT THE INTENT OR DESIRE OF ANYONE TO REPLACE THE CURRENT REGIME WITH ONE WHICH WOULD BE MORE RESTRICTIVE OF IMPORTS. AT THE SAME TIME, WHILE THE COUNTER-CYCLICAL CONCEPT HAS CERTAIN ADVANTAGES IN THEORY, WE ARE AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD BE POSED FOR SUPPLIER COUNTRIES--AND FOR THE U.S.--BY A COUNTER-CYCLICAL REGIME WHICH WOULD RESULT IN WIDE YEAR TO YEAR SWINGS IN ACCESS TO THE U.S. MARKET.

2. FYI: SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE OF HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MEAT IMPORT ACT AND HAS SCHEDULED MARK-UP SESSION FOR TUES. AUGUST 8. SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF SPECULATES SUFFICIENT TIME REMAINS FOR REPORT TO FULL COMMITTEE AND PRESUMABLY A FLOOR VOTE BEFORE SUMMER RECESS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 18. VANCE

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